8100 PROCEDURE 330
Resource Ordering - Call When Needed (CWN) – Large Air Tanker (LAT)
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Prior to activation of a Call When Needed (CWN) Large Air Tanker (LAT) CAL FIRE Executive approval through the Duty Chief Chain of Command is required. Region and Sacramento staff shall be familiar with the current LAT Operating Plan prior to requesting a LAT.

Informal discussions may take place between Aviation Management Unit (AMU), Tactical Air Operations (TAO) and others prior to activation, however, no resources will be mobilized until a formal order is processed as outlined in the procedure below.

Responsibilities and Action

Approval Procedure:

Unit CC

1. Receives request for use of a Type 1 Airtanker from the Incident.

Region OCC

1. Receive notification of the request for a Type 1 Airtanker.

2. Determine if activation of CWN LAT is warranted due to current incident activity and/or actual or predicted conditions.

3. Determine availability of CWN LAT from the CWN Airplane Directory on The CAL FIRE Intranet.

4. Notify Region Duty Chief of request.

5. Advise TAO Duty Officer of possible activation.

Region Duty Chief

1. Notify the Sac Duty Chief of the request for approval to activate the CWN LAT.

Sac Duty Chief

1. Seek CAL FIRE Executive approval to activate a CWN LAT.

2. Advise both the CNR and CSR Duty Chiefs of the CAL FIRE Executive decision.

3. If approved, advise the Sac Duty Officer.

Region Duty Chief

1. Advise Region Duty Officer of approval.

Region Duty Officer

1. Advise TAO Duty Officer of the activation.

Region or Sac CC

1. Create a Preposition Order in the Resource Ordering System of Record.

    a. This number is for cost tracking unless resources are assigned to an incident.

    b. Set resources to "available" in the Resource Ordering System of Record.

Deactivation of CWN LAT

Region OCC

1. Determine there is no longer a need for the CWN LAT.

2. Notify Region Duty Chief.

Region Duty Chief

1. Notify Sac Duty Chief that there is no longer a need for the CWN LAT in their Region.

Sac Duty Chief

1. Verify with the other Region Duty Chief that they do not have a need for the CWN LAT.

2. If a need no longer exists, advise CAL FIRE Executive of the deactivation.

3. Notify the Region Duty Chief and Sac Duty Officer.

Region OCC or Sac CC

1. Receive or confirm notification from the Duty Chief that the CWN LAT may be deactivated.

2. Release the CWN LAT in the Resource Ordering System of Record.